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Jane Henney, Commissioner  
Food and Drug Administration  
Docket # 00P-1211/CP1  
5630 Fishers Ln., Room 1061 (HFA-305)  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Ms. Henney,

I am writing in support of a legal petition by the Center for Food Safety. I ask the FDA to require that no new genetically-engineered foods or products with GE ingredients be released without long-term safety testing of all GE foods. I am also asking that all GE foods presently on the market be labeled, giving consumers the right to know what's in the food they are eating. The risks of GE foods include:

- Loss of biodiversity as only a few crops are used extensively
- Genetic "drift" as pollen of altered plants mingles with traditional varieties
- Increased allergies and other health problems
- Greater reliance on the chemicals required for GE crops
- Control of the world's seeds through patents owned by a few corporations

We must require caution in the development of GE foods, including pre-testing and labeling of new products, corporate accountability to consumers and public regulation. This is common sense.

Sincerely,

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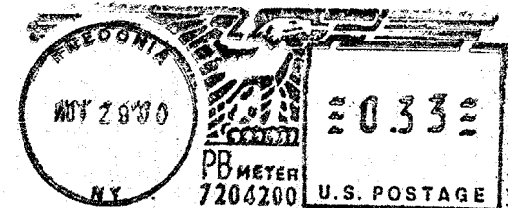
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